

HOUSE RESOLUTION 187
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A RESOLUTION to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the
Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary.

WHEREAS, it is important that this legislative body honor those state institutions and their employees who have significantly contributed to the well-being of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary is one such institution that has performed a valuable service to the people of the great state of Tennessee by protecting the general public and housing convicted felons for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, the penitentiary first accepted inmates on January 2, 1896, and has not had a successful escape from behind the walls within the last 50 years; and

WHEREAS, located in Morgan County, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary was fully accredited by the American Correctional Association in October 1991, thus ensuring professional standards for the operation of the institution; and

WHEREAS, the staff at Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary has continued to maintain these standards in the daily operation of the institution, as evidenced by the re-accreditation process which occurred in October 1994; and

WHEREAS, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary has maintained a safe, secure and humane environment for those convicted felons incarcerated as mandated by federal court order; and

WHEREAS, the staff at Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary has been and continues to be fully trained and capable of managing the institution in accordance with law and common decency; and

WHEREAS, the staff, past and present, of Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary has always performed their duties in a professional manner and to the best of their respective abilities; and

WHEREAS, Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary continues to provide community service work through inmate labor utilized at area churches, schools, libraries and various other projects, consisting of thousands of hours of free labor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary, paying special tribute to its past and present employees for their loyal service to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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